

TRIBUTE TO REVEREND WILLIE JAMES

• Mr. LAUTENBERG. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize the great work of a civil rights pioneer and chapter president of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People of Willingboro, New Jersey, Reverend Willie James, on the occasion of his receiving the award for exemplary community service.

Reverend James began his work for civil rights in 1958 when he attempted to buy a house in Willingboro's Levitt community. He was told that houses would not be sold to African-Americans. Reverend James decided to sue. Two years later, the United States Supreme Court officially integrated Willingboro, enabling Reverend James to become one of the community's first African-American residents.

In 1974, work demands forced Reverend James to move to Rhode Island. While in Rhode Island, Reverend James joined a statewide commission that studied disparities in white and minority prison rates than whites.

Eventually Reverend James returned to New Jersey where his level of activism flourished. He became president of the Willingboro chapter of the NAACP. During his time as president, Reverend James made great progress researching the issue of disproportionate African-American male imprisonment.

In the recent election, Reverend James and the local chapter of the NAACP worked on motivating minorities to vote. Reverend James is a recipient of more than 30 local and national awards for his commitment to public service.

I am pleased to honor Reverend Willie James on this joyous occasion. His family, his friends, and his community are indebted to him for his unyielding service. This honor is richly-deserved. I salute him on yet another great achievement.●

IN RECOGNITION OF MR. WOODROW W. WOODY

• Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, on Thursday, November 16, 2000, the people of Michigan, will pay tribute to Mr. Woodrow W. Woody, president and owner of the longest running car dealership in the Nation—Woody Pontiac Sales, Inc. Mr. Woody, who continued active participation in the business, until he was 92 years old in June 2000, when he officially closed the Pontiac dealership he opened in the city of Hamtramck, MI in 1940.

Mr. Woody has come to be known as the pillar of his industry. In 1966, his dealership hit its peak year with the sale of 2,200 cars. Revered by his peers and the people of Michigan, he was inducted into the Automotive Hall of Fame. Over the 60-year operation of his dealership, Woody, as he is called by friends and family, estimates that he sold over 100,000 Pontiacs, one of General Motors' leading products. He says

his success is due to his genuine love of life and people.

This immigrant from Lebanon, embodies the ultimate success story of the American dream. Much of why he is being honored is because of his dedication and loyalty to the citizens of the city of Hamtramck and his beloved Lebanon. When the economy recessed and auto sales reflected a downturn, Woody never considered moving his dealership from the community that supported him through prosperous times. Hailed for his philanthropic activities, he spearheaded a drive to build a new facility for the Hamtramck Public Library. In addition, he has worked with Junior Achievement and the Rotary Club for more than 50 years accomplishing projects which support community growth. Woody has also been just as committed to the people of his homeland, where he has built a school and medical clinic.

Although Woody promises to continue his work in the community, interacting with various civic and fraternal organizations for the good of the community, the industry has lost its senior statesman and he will be sorely missed. We all wish Woody continued health, happiness and prosperity in the years ahead. I am sure my colleagues join me in the celebration of the life of Mr. Woodrow W. Woody, extending to him the good will and wishes of the Senate.●

RECOGNITION OF BRIAN KAATZ, PHARM. D.

• Mr. JOHNSON. Mr. President, I rise today to express my appreciation for the contributions of Brian Kaatz, Pharm. D. who has worked as part of my staff for the past three months as a senior Fellow. Brian's expertise in the area of pharmacology has made him a tremendous asset to my legislative staff, and I am fortunate to have had his assistance. When he returns to the Department of Clinical Pharmacy at South Dakota State University in December, I know he will be missed immensely by me and my entire staff.

Fellows are often considered secret weapons to the Members they assist. Brian has been no exception. He came to my office with a distinguished professional career accompanied by a wealth of experience within the pharmacy industry. While his expertise lies in clinical pharmacy, Brian's interests range from issues involving infectious diseases and use of antibiotics, nutrition, health care ethics, drug policy and roles for pharmacists.

Currently a Professor and Department Head of Clinical Pharmacy at the South Dakota State University, Brian has had a career filled with accomplishments. He has been president of the South Dakota Society of Hospital Pharmacists, a member of the committee that re-wrote the pharmacy practice act passed by the South Dakota legislature in 1992, an official delegate several times to the American

Society of Health-System Pharmacy annual meeting, and served as a consultant to several South Dakota hospitals and law firms. Additionally, Brian has authored or co-authored approximately twenty-five professional articles and is currently the editor of the South Dakota Journal of Medicine's Pharmacology Focus column, published monthly in South Dakota's Physician Journal. He has made numerous major presentations both regionally and nationally, and received several awards over the years for his notable career.

Throughout the past three months, Brian has worked on a number of projects in my office dealing with pharmacy and health care. Brian led research efforts regarding a comprehensive study comparing prescription drug prices throughout South Dakota and the impact of rising drug costs on those without insurance. Many millions of Americans, both Medicare age and younger have either inadequate or no prescription drug insurance at all. There are roughly 39 million Medicare beneficiaries in this country, one third of whom have no prescription drug coverage. At a time, when drug prices are rising at rates far greater than the rate of inflation and seniors around this country are forced to choose between buying food or pills, we have an inadequate Medicare program that provides no coverage for prescription drug costs. The study that Brian spearheaded provided me with crucial data and real life stories depicting the impact of this issue for South Dakotans, young and old alike. Brian's research furnished my office with up-to-date and unbiased information that enabled me to communicate effectively with my constituents, especially pharmacists, during this time. Unfortunately, Congress was not able to come to an agreement on how we provide Medicare beneficiaries with prescription drug coverage, therefore the information that Brian compiled for me will be critically important as I work on this issue in the 107th Congress next year.

Brian also facilitated discussions with the Government Accounting Office, GAO, on two subject matters involving direct-to-consumer advertising of prescription drugs and conflict of interest matters involving the Food and Drug Administration's Advisory Committee members. The research Brian conducted in these two areas will provide me with the basis for further discussions with GAO and congressional committees seeking hearings into these matters. Brian previously authored and co-authored two articles specifically on the subject of direct-to-consumer advertising and has completed extensive research in this field.

I ask to have the contents of these two articles printed in the RECORD following completion of my statement.

One of the most important tasks as a Senator is to communicate with your constituents back home. Balancing my